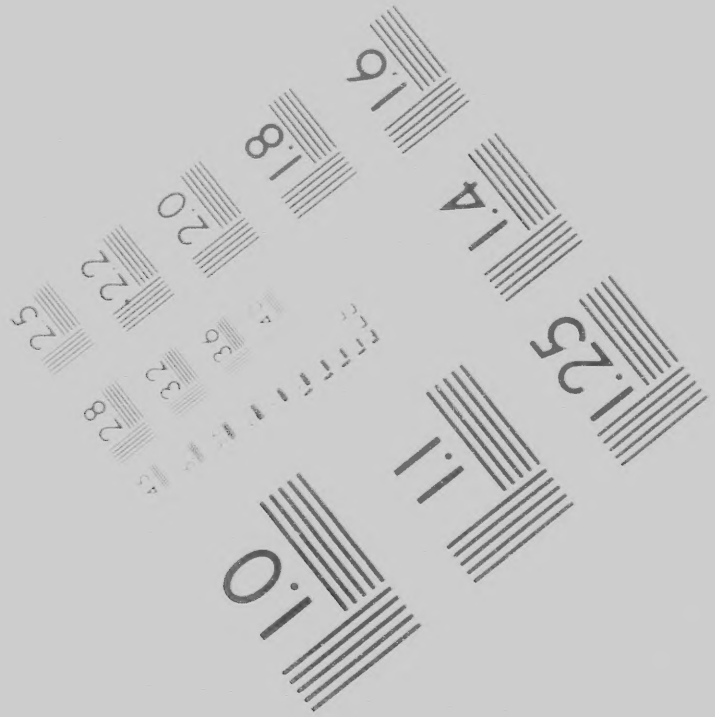
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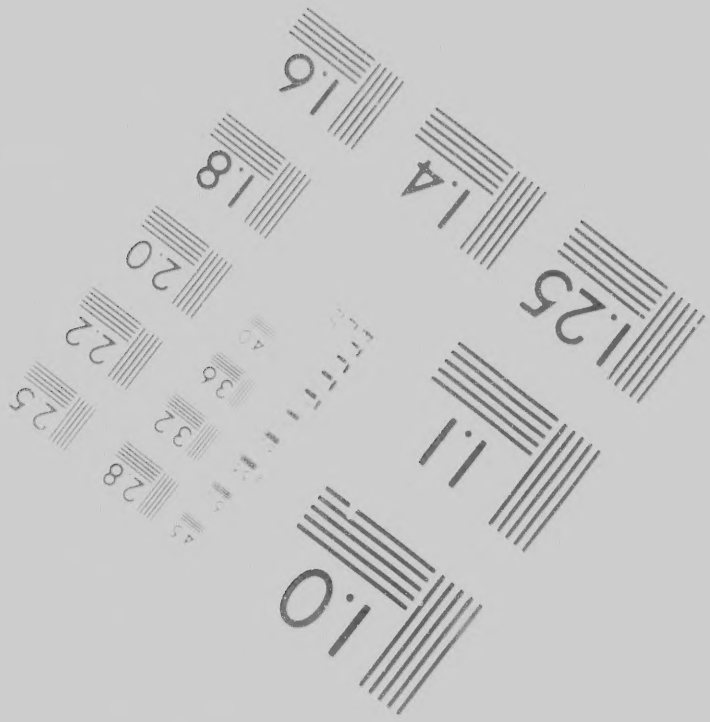
Commodore Rodgers, Arrived!

BOSTON GAZETTE-OFFICE,
Monday Morning, 9 o'clock.

MORE AGREEABLE NEWS.

WE have the pleasure of announcing, that Com. RODGERS, after a cruise of five months, has arrived at *Newport*, having taken, destroyed, and ransomed 27 sail of vessels.

This information is communicated to us by Capt. Russell of Salem, who has this moment arrived in town from New Bedford. He informs us, that the Russian Cartel ship Hoffnung, arrived there on Saturday last, from Plymouth, (Eng.) having spoken, off Nantucket Shoals, two



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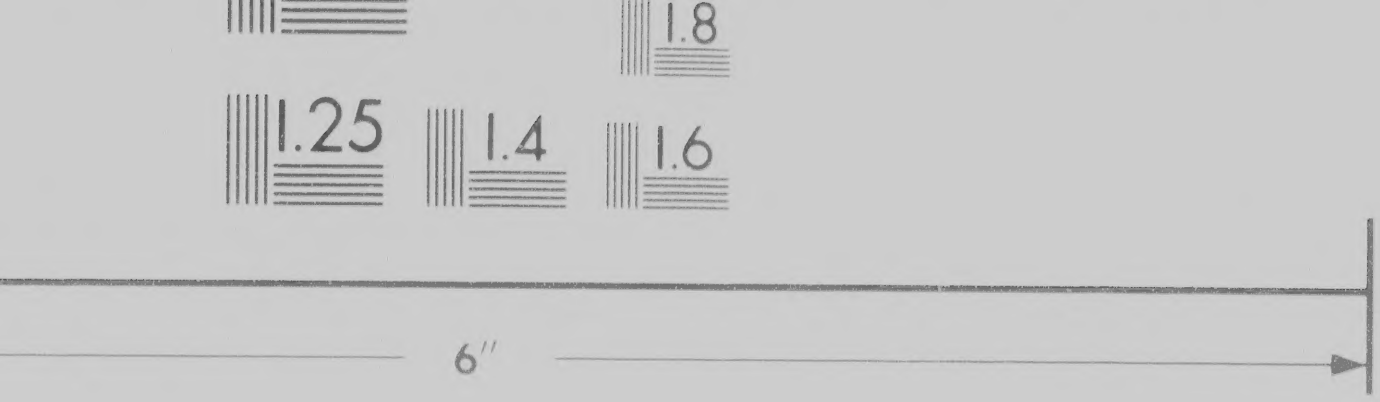

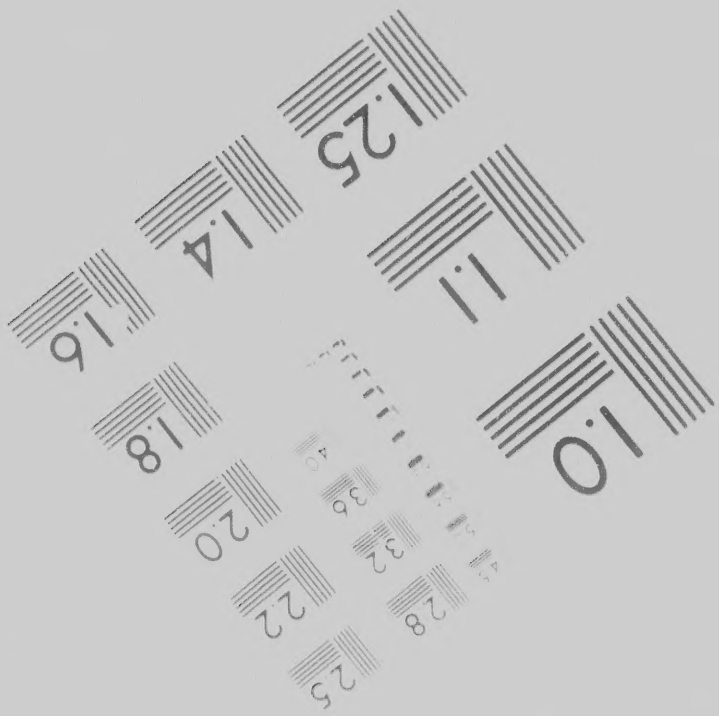

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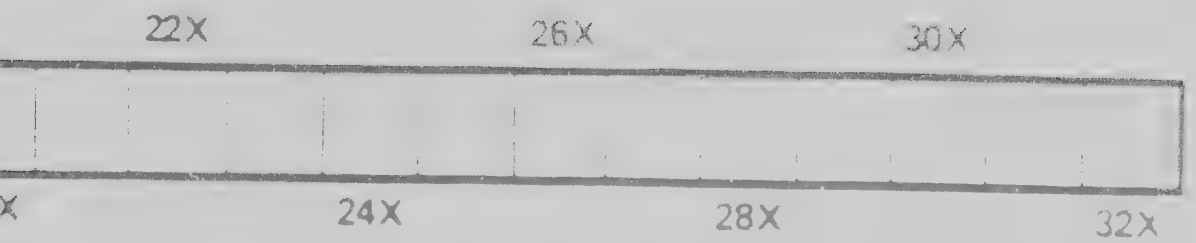

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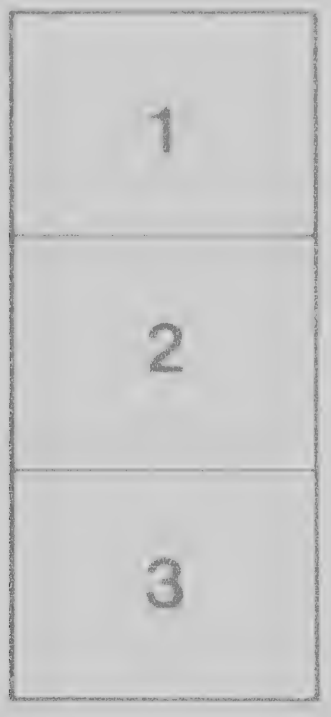

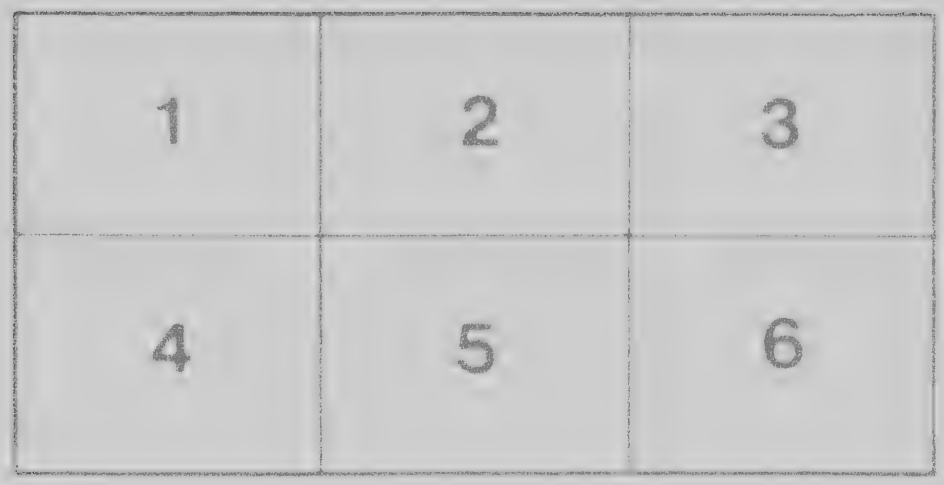

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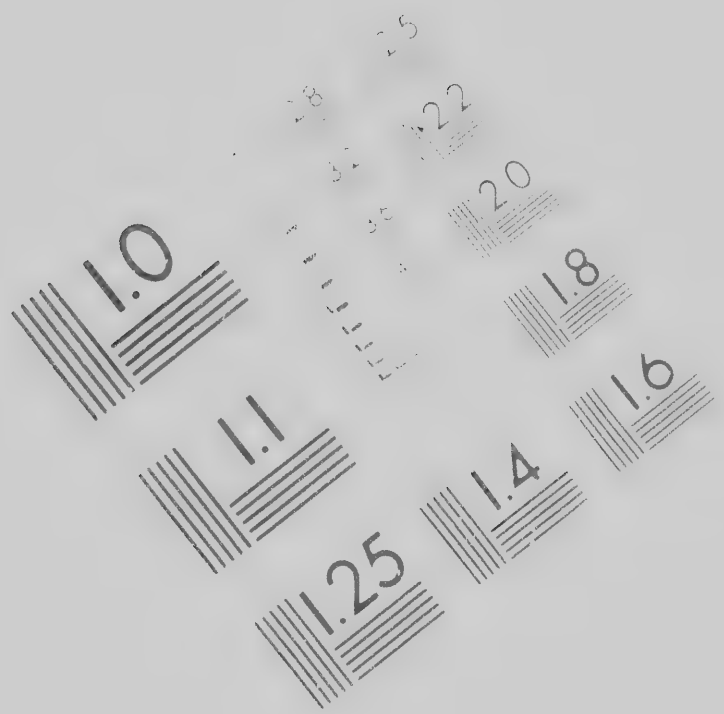
Since preparing the above, we have understood that the Commodore, during the above mentioned chace, finding the frigate about 5 or 6 miles a head of the 74, hove too and hoisted his colors; but that the frigate then immediately altered her course, and stood for the 74



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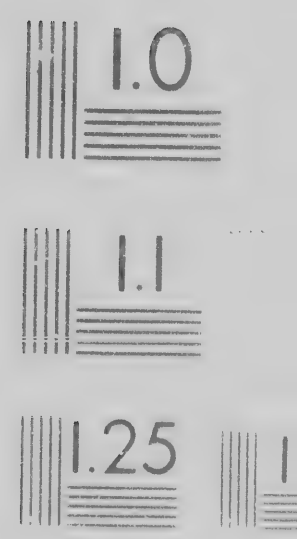

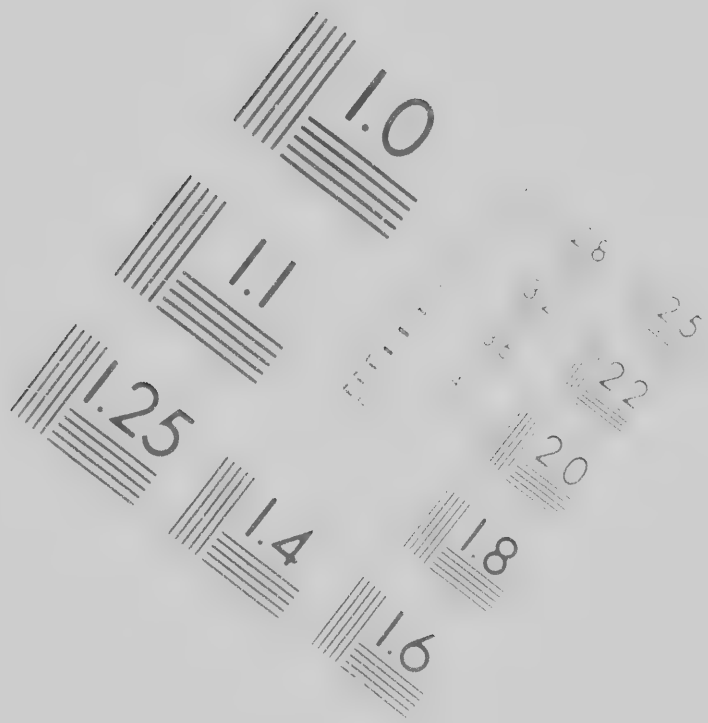

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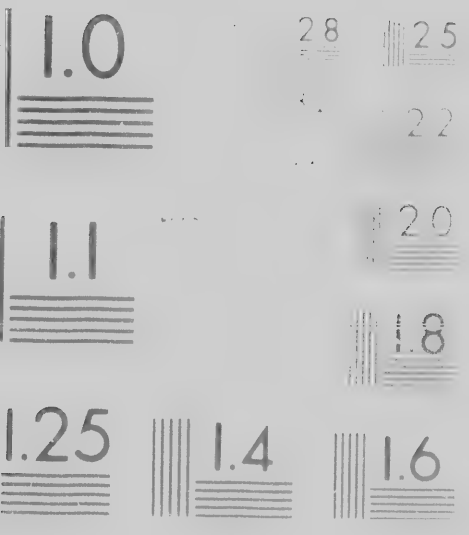

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The Committee to whom was referred the Message of his Excellency, a

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THAT the ruinous war, declared against Great-Britain, has assu
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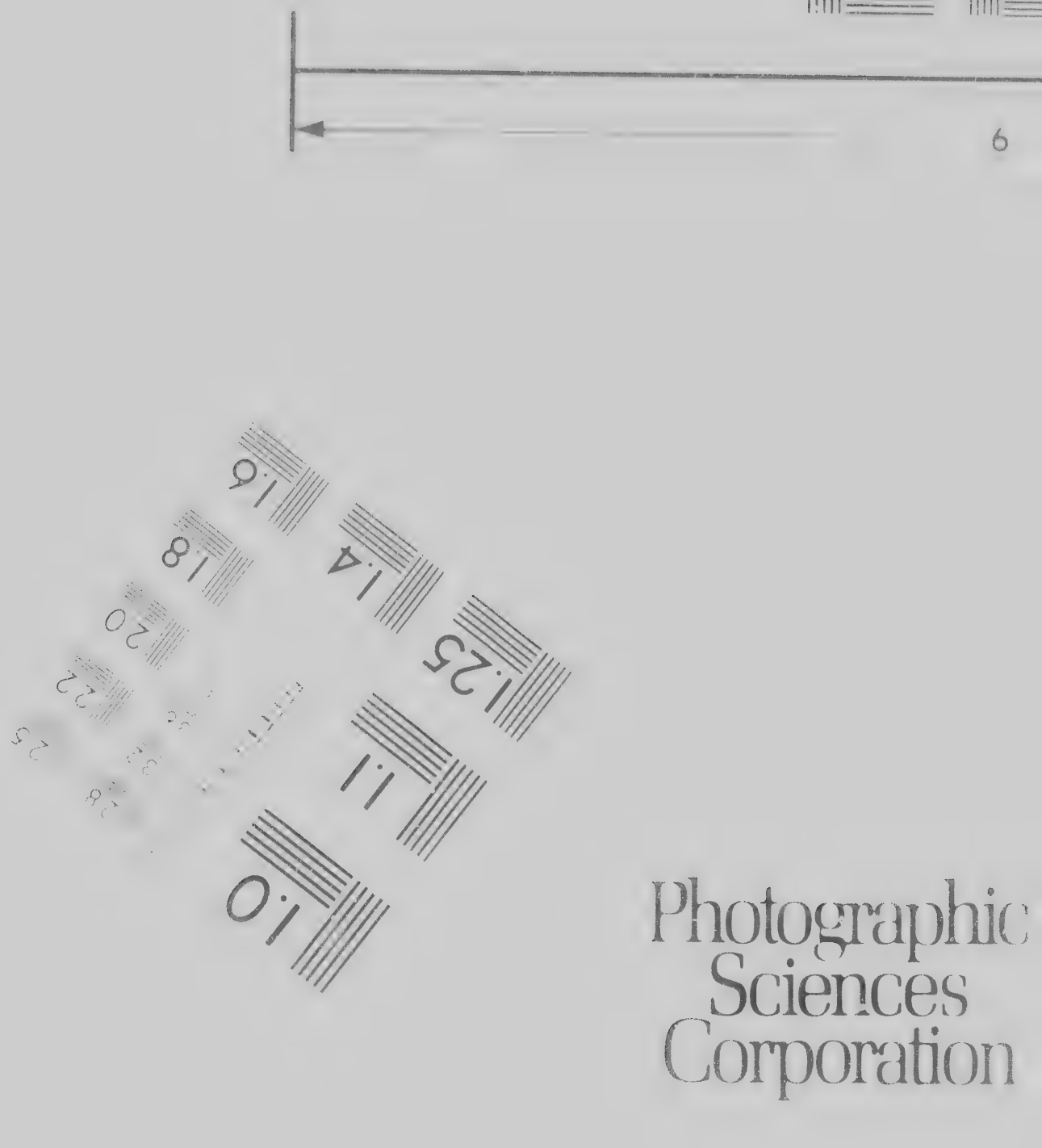

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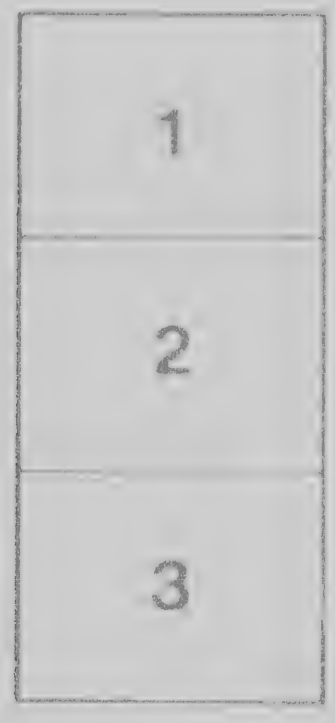

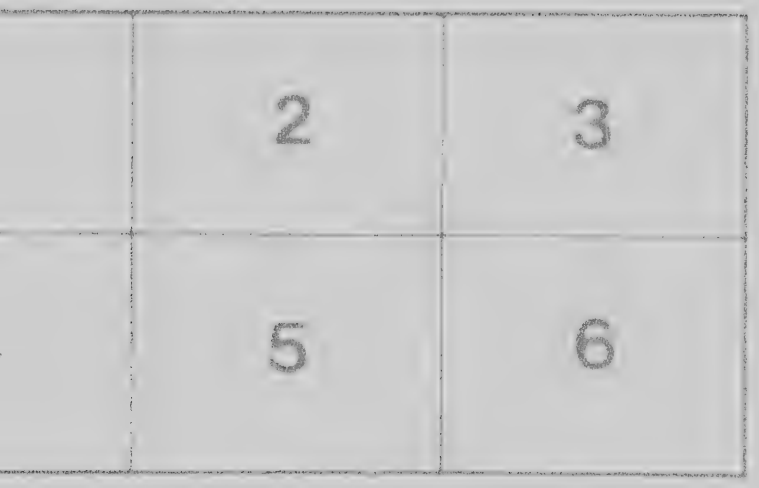

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t is therefore with great concern, that your Committee are obliged to de-
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tion of the persons in power, has failed to secure to this Commonwealth,
hey believe, to the eastern section of this union, those equal rights and
which were the great objects of its formation, and which they cannot
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nterest on the sums borrowed.
ppointed as Delegates from this Com-
from the other states of New England,
lic grievances and concerns, and up-
rces and of defence against the ene
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l also to take measures, if they shall
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But while your Committee
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that is dear, in repelling an in
ligation imposes silence, upon
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on all occasions, the destructiv
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public affairs has been forced
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commerce to cope with that of
nounced by the united warning
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would be accompanied by an
sailors; the desolation of our
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greatest of all calamities, we
evils, were our rulers forewarn
thus put in jeopardy; and the
and humanity, to stay their ha
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own industrious callings. Bu
men distinguished in their nati
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aried and distant enterprises; that the continual calls upon
litia, to march from home, at all seasons, and to remain at a
r families, will be the most oppressive, and least economical
fence which can be devised, in a protracted warfare.

Committee think, that the people of this Commonwealth ought
they will unite, under any circumstances, at the hazard of all
pelling an invading foe, it is not believed, that this solemn ob-
ilence, upon their just complaints against the authors of the
es. It is, on the contrary, a sacred duty to hold up to view,
ne destructive policy, by which a state of unparalelled national
converted into one of humiliation and danger; believing, that,
uined people will discard the men and change the measures
d this state of peril and suffering, the day of their political
It should never be forgotten, that this disastrous condition of
been forced upon Massachusetts, not merely against her con-
tion to her most earnest protestations. From the moment that
yielding to its own passions and calculations of party power,
tem of commercial hostility to Great-Britain, and of conformity
e late tyrant of France, its tendency to involve the nation in
and cruel embarrassments, was distinctly foreseen, and declar-
slatures. The insufficiency of our youthful, though flourishing
with that of Great-Britain in a struggle of restrictions, was an-
ited warning of those best versed in a knowledge of this sub-
er doubted by these persons, that a war with Great-Britain,
nied by an extinction of commerce; by the banishment of our
ation of our coast; the blockade and invasion of our sea ports;
nal credit; the necessity of oppressive taxes; and the consum-
ruin, by an alliance with the late despot of Europe; from which
mities, we have been preserved only by his fall. Of all these
ers forewarned by Massachusetts, whose vital interests were
ly; and they were implored by every consideration of policy
tay their hands from the cruel and wanton sacrifice of the in-
no asked from them, nothing but the privilege of pursuing their
allings. But government, deaf to this voice, and listening to
in their native state, only by their disloyalty to its interests and
patronage, bestowed upon them as its price, have affected to
lic citizens of this great state as tainted with disaffection to the
dilection for Great-Britain, and have lavished the public trea-
pts to fix, by evidence, this odious imputation. Thus dishon

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eir safety, which is the supreme law, is in question, these means should
ptly applied. The framers of the constitution, made provision to amend
which were known to be incident to every human institution; and the pro-
self was not less liable to be found defective upon experiment, than other
the instrument. When this deficiency becomes apparent, no reason can
the right of the whole people, who were parties to it, to adopt another;
not a presumptuous expectation, that a spirit of equity and justice, enligh-
experience, would enable them to reconcile conflicting interests, and
he principal causes of those dissensions, which unfit government for a
peace and of war, and so to amend the constitution, as to give vigor
tion to the union of the states. But as a proposition for such a conven-
a single state, would probably be unsuccessful, and our danger ad
of delay, it is recommended by the Committee, that in the first instance,
ence should be invited between those states, the affinity of whose inter-
losest, and whose habits of intercourse, from their local situation and
ses, are most frequent; to the end, that by a comparison of their sentiments
s, some mode of defence, suited to the circumstances and exigencies of
es, and measures for accelerating the return of public prosperity, may
d; and also to enable the delegates from those states, should they deem
ent, to lay the foundation for a radical reform in the national compact, by
o a future convention, a deputation from all the states in the union.—
refore report the following Resolves—which are submitted.

H. G. OTIS, *Per order.*

ESOLVED, That the calamities of war being now brought home to
ory of this Commonwealth—a portion of it, being in the occupation of
y, our sea coast and rivers being invaded in several places, and in all
o immediate danger, the people of Massachusetts are impelled by the
elf defence, and by all the feelings and attachments which bind good
o their country, to unite in the most vigorous measures for defending
and expelling the invader; and no party feelings, or political dissen-
ever interfere with the discharge of this exalted duty.

esolved, That provision be made by law for raising by voluntary en
or twelve months or during the war, a number of troops not exceeding
and rank and file, to be organized and officered by the Governor, for
ce of the state.

Resolved, That the Governor be authorized to accept the services of
teers, and to organize them as part of the aforesaid troops, who shall
selves in readiness to march at a moment's warning, to any part of the

think proper, for procuring a convention of Delegates fr
in order to revise the constitution thereof, and more effec
port and attachment of *all* the people, by placing *all* upo
sentation.

Resolved, That a circular letter from this Legislat
sident of the Senate, and Speaker of the House of R
ed to the executive government of each of said states, to b
Legislatures, explaining the objects of the proposed conf
to concur in sending Delegates thereto.

Resolved, That on the eighteenth day of October
will, by joint ballot, elect twelve persons to meet such Dele
ed by the said states, or either of them, at Hartford, in t
on the fifteenth day of December next.

In Sena

Read and accepted. Sent down for concurren

JOHN PH

In the House of Representa

Read and concurred,

TIMOTHY B

October 15, 1814.

Approved,

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Secretary's Office,
20th October, 1814. } A true Copy.

ATTEST.

also to take measures, if they shall
Delegates from all the United States,
l more effectually to secure the sup-
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his Legislature, signed by the Pre-
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l states, to be communicated to their
posed conference, and inviting them

of October instant, this Legislature
et such Delegates as may be appoint-
artford, in the state of Connecticut,

In Senate, October 12, 1814.

or concurrence.

JOHN PHILLIPS, *President*

Representatives, Oct. 15, 1814.

IOTHY BIGELOW, *Speaker.*

CALEB STRONG

Daniel Bradford
Secy. of Commonwth